THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Raids on the Office Buildings of VHP and RSS

308. SHRI S. MADHVAN :

SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI conducted raids on the office buildings of VHP, Shiv Sena and RSS recently;

(b) if so, whether some valuable prima facie evidence has been obtained during raids and the number of persons apprehended so far ; and

(c) if so, what further action has been taken on those evidences ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. During the raids 7 persons were arrested.

(c) The material seized during the raids is being scrutinised for evidence by CBI.

Quashing of Imposition of President's Rule in M.P.

309. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh High Court has quashed the imposition of President's Rule in that State ;

(b) whether Government has gone on appeal before the Supreme Court; and

(c) whether elections will be held in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan before June ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A decision regarding holding of elections in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan will be taken at the appropriate time.

Reform of Tihar Jail

310. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that "Tihar Jail" in the Capital has become a breeding ground of criminals ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to reform Tihar Jail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that it is not correct to state that Tihar Jail has become a breeding ground of criminals.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. Several measures have been taken by the Administration to improve the conditions in Tihar Jail which include construction of more jails; augmentation of water supply, improvement in the sanitary conditions, improvement in the medical conditions; etc.

Persons killed and injured in Calcutta and Bombay Bomb Blasts

311. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed and injured and the estimated loss of property in bomb blasts in Bombay and Calcutta during the last three months with details city-wise ;

(b) the details of amount of compensation paid to the affected families/persons;

(c) whether any judicial inquiry has been ordered into the incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the guilty persons on the basis of inquiry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Outcome of the Inquiries into recent bomb blasts

313. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any inquiries regarding the cases of bomb blasts which occurred in Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi during the last four months have been conducted by the Ministry;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiries;

(c) the number of cases registered and out of them the number of cases finalised; and

(d) how many cases are pending at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d). No enquiries are being conducted by the Ministry of Home Affairs into the recent bomb blasts in Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi. Investigations by the local police are in progress.

Pak Involvement in Bombay Blasts

313. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have got the clinching proof of Pak involvement in Bombay blasts of March, 1993, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to confiscate movable and immovable properties and business and trade of accused persons in Bombay like Memon brothers and Dawood Ibrahim; if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) what other measures Government are taking to cripple economic power of such gangsters; and

(e) whether Government have approached friendly western countries to declare Pakistan as a State sponsor of terrorism if so, what is their reaction to India's request?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) While the investigations are continuing, the results of the inquiries so far clearly indicate Pakistan's organised support and involvement in the planning and execution of the series of bomb blasts which took place in Bombay on March 12, 1993.

(b) Action in this regard is being taken by the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A coordinated action by various law enforcement agencies belonging to Central and State Government has been launched against the gangsters.

(e) The international community has been apprised about Pakistan's active support to terrorism directed against India. The United States has put Pakistan on notice that the U.S. Government is monitoring Pak activities to determine whether Pakistan should be categorised as a State sponsor of terrorism under relevant U.S. Laws.

Industrialists/Businessmen kidnapped in Delhi

314. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of industrialists/businessmen of Delhi who were kidnapped for ransom during the last two years;

(b) whether any kidnapper has been identified and arrested; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI